President's Corner
by Gudy Gaskill

When The Colorado Trail was linked in 1987, I envisioned that the most had been done and that we would continue to do mopping up projects. It is now nine years later, and we are still rebuilding, shifting, and reconstructing The Colorado Trail. Once again we have 20 volunteer crews going out, many of them backpack crews, and 52 maintenance crews (adoptees) as well as 10 supported educational treks on the trail AND 2 college accredited courses on the trail. Enough to keep all of us on the ground crews busy and jumping. We’ve had a lot of interest in the trail crews from new supporters and college students. Once again we have a list of outstanding crew leaders, with Phil Smith taking on three crews. One of Continued on page 2

The Sign-up for ’96 Crews Is in “High Gear”

Trail Crew Registrars Jon and Marylin Greeneisen report a strong response to the January announcement of volunteer trail crews scheduled for this summer. Nineteen crews will maintain and improve The CT between May 10 and August 24–17 week-long crews and 2 weekend crews.

Only five weeks after the schedule was released, the two weekend crews were full. By mid-March, 238 crew slots were filled, 60% of the 400 crew positions this year. Crews 2 and 5 were full. Crews 8, 9, and 14 were almost full, with only one or two vacancies remaining on each of these crews.

A word to the wise: send in registration forms soon to get the crew you want. The crews are filling up.

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the three crews will be a group of high school students from DC Oakes High School who will reconstruct a part of the trail in the Rio Grande National Forest that has been badly damaged by motorcycles. Arthur Rankin will be leading two crews in the BLM Powderhorn Wilderness area close to Lake City, relocating a trail out of a creek bed. Merle McDonald will be leading two unique crews, one of which will be at the site of our new Educational Facility, revegetating and doing maintenance jobs around the cabin. Beautiful location and comfort. The other crew will be a backpack into a spectacular mountain area where camp will be set up by a pretty little lake in a remote area of the San Juans. Once again, Larry O’Donnell will be working two crews in the Breckenridge area. These two crews will finish the Swan river reroute through private land. For those of you that signed up last year and found the area under deep snow, perhaps this summer will see us through! Leader Joe Slack will also manage two trail crews: one a weekend crew on the South Platte to repair a great boggy area, the other at 11,400 feet in the beautiful San Juans and next to the La Plata Mountains. Sheer delight views! We have two new leaders this year, both of whom are veteran crew volunteers. Jon Greeneisen, our trail crew coordinator and newly elected board member, will be working in a superb area of the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness. Camp will be next to 14,000-foot Huron Peak and close to the ICE Mountain and Three Apostles Group. Superb climbing and fishing. Gudy will be leading the second week’s crew in the same area. This will finish the Leadville side of the Gunnison Spur. The second new crew leader is Bruce Armstrong. He is a veteran crew member, and now retired, has trained to become a new leader. Bruce will be working in heavily used Guller Creek, at the base of Searle Pass, and repairing eroded geo-textile damage and 1995 spring runoff damage. George Miller, when he gets through with the CTF supported treks, will lead a trip to the same beautiful campsite on the lake at Cascade Creek. You will camp in the shadow of Rolling Mountain and difficult Avalanche Peak. Gene Cash, our beloved leader from Nebraska, will be working close to a waterfall and will repair a boggy and wet section of the Gunnison Spur. Beautiful hiking area. Trail is seldom used. It’s an easy backpack to the campsite. Lynn Mattingly is back with us! Crew #9 is the site of Lynn’s adopted section. What fun to have her back! Last, but not least, we have our BRIDGE MAN, Ernie Werren. He’ll be finishing the Taylor River bridge approaches (and we’ll have a Continued on page 3
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coloration there) and build the Clear Creek Bridge. These are interesting projects and early in the year. These two crews are for the fishermen/women at heart. All the crews are great. This year we have a wide selection of prime, remote, superb campsites. Take your pick!

Guess what? We finally got our Completion Patch in. They’re a showy patch and read “I Completed The Colorado Trail.” That should start the conversation rolling! We also have packaged note cards back by popular demand. Some of the old sketches, some new. Sure to please.

Merle McDonald did a tremendous job in putting the trail crew schedule together. I was off tooling around in Africa while Merle was tearing out his hair trying to get confirmations in the midst of government shutdowns. The schedules were late coming out, but not because of Merle. His act was together; the government lost theirs!

We had our annual board of directors meeting in January. I’m always amazed at how much the Foundation does in a year’s time and all of the projects that get completed. What a dedicated group of volunteers! We’ve reviewed the crew projects that still need to be done, and it looks as though there won’t be any relief or slowing down for at least two more years. We’re heading toward a bigger load of educational projects, classes, and seminars. We’ll be seeing more backpackers on the CDNST overlap section of The CT as well as a trickle of interested hikers on the American Discov-
ery Trail overlap section of The CT. In the next Tread Lines, we will print The CT map showing where the CDNST and ADT overlap on The CT. I have a large one that I bring to slide shows to show to interested viewers.

We had three guests at the board meeting. We appreciated the input from Charlotte Briber, Pat Nagorka, and Thomas Grover. It keeps us on the right track. This month the board will hold its annual RETREAT in Fairplay. We squirrel away for a weekend and reevaluate our goals and directions. We also get a bit of skiing in on the side.

Our two new board members are Steve Gladbach and Jon Greeneisen. Both are longtime friends of The CT, having worked in the database, crew, and supported treks capacities. We welcome both members as valuable players in our field!

We also thank those that gave gift contributions to The CT to their friends and family for Christmas. I’m sure that it was a perfect gift, and we enjoyed sending your friends the books. Welcome aboard, NEW FRIENDS.
TWO COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES OFFERED ON THE COLORADO TRAIL

July 21-27 Flora of the San Juan Mountains
July 28-August 3 Geology of the San Juan Mountains
Cost for each course: $290 per week
1 college credit hour optional per class at slight additional cost

Flora of the San Juan Mountains

A course on flora of the San Juan mountains will be taught by Dr. John Sowell, associate professor of botany at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado.

The course will concentrate on growing life spans in the subalpine and alpine region above Lake City and on student participation in identification of subalpine and alpine flowers. This is a fun outdoor class, with hikes and excursions into the surrounding environment. Class will be held at the new Colorado Trail Educational Facility above Lake City. Students will sleep in their own tents by the cabin, surrounded by breathtaking scenery. The cabin is at the foot of 14,000-foot Redcloud, Sunshine, and Handies Peaks and on the BLM Scenic Byway to Cinnamon Pass. The five-year-old cabin has a vaulted toilet and a nearby stream for water, and will be used for a classroom in case of inclement weather. Last year, the class climbed a fourteener during the middle of the week as well as took beautiful hikes into hidden valleys. The cost includes all meals, instruction, transportation, and tuition. **Pamper yourself with an incredible week!**

Geology of the San Juan Mountains

If you have ever hankered to learn more about the rocks that you see along the trail and how to read the geological history of an area, then this is the week for you. You can start at base zero and come out at the end of the week with a tremendous amount of knowledge—enough to dazzle your friends and to astound yourself. Dr. “Jack” Campbell, geology professor at Fort Lewis College, will once again lead us through the aeons, beautifully displayed in the San Juan Mountains. Geological history comes alive in his outdoor classroom lectures. Find fossils and nuggets and semiprecious stones. Find out how they came to be and learn about the astonishing history of our rugged San Juans. Visit the Ute Tribal Park and visit rarely seen ruins. Camp will be at a tented base camp with kitchen, community tent, john tent, and shower enclosure on beautiful Molas Pass. Enjoy the spectacular scenery, incredible sunsets mirrored in Molas Lake, camping under the pristine stars, and the camaraderie of a small campfire. Participants must be in good physical condition, as the altitude is high and hiking is required on daily field trips. The cost includes all meals, instruction, transportation, and tuition. **Enjoy the beauty of learning surrounded by incomparable scenery. The best there is in Colorado!**

Gudy Gaskill will be the camp manager for both weeks.

To register, write to John Sowell, Biology Department, Western State College, Gunnison, CO 81231

Or call (970) 943-2146 or (970) 641-4303
jsowell@western.edu (Internet)
HAM IS BACK!!!
By Pat Nagorka, Food Chairperson

Dear Trail Crew Members,

I asked for feedback, and I got it. People liked the ham and au gratin potato dinner. So it is back on the menu.

Let me tell you all why it was changed. I was looking for something different for lunch, ham sounded good, and lunches have been pretty staid. Also, hams that do not need refrigeration are getting harder to find, and all sizes are getting more and more expensive.

Since nothing is too good for our trail crews though, I will find the hams and the dinner will be back on the menu.

The year was not an easy one for any of the “trail planners.” Even the crews didn’t appreciate what the weather had done to their plans. Crews got moved, got new assignments, got rain and slop (not the food!), quit early, and all of it affected the food buying, distribution, and returns. Hopefully the ’96 summer—or maybe I should say the ’95 winter—is going to be nicer to us.

I sorely miss Ken Stagner. He is now on the western slope and not hoarding boxes for us. Now boxes are creeping over the line and gobbling up food storage space at my house. Maybe I should get rid of the old car seats and move the bird seed? It will work out and you’ll get your food, but maybe in a larger variety of boxes.

You know it takes a bunch of people to get that food to your kitchen tent. Because of the rain, some scheduled to pack Saturday couldn’t make it on Sunday, but I sure appreciate that you would have if you could have. A huge thank you to those who did help on Sunday: Roger and Nancy Gomas; Abdi Jama; Larry Mack; Merle, Uta, and Anne McDonald; Phil and Mae Smith; and Ken Stagner. We still had to scramble to cover the piles and take a lunch break because of an errant rain shower.

The menu will see few changes beyond the ham dinner. I sometimes forget you all are camping, and wish you had the use of a full kitchen. HMMMM . . . maybe an army style trailer/kitchen hauled to the site?? George, the equipment man, what do you think????

Well, enjoy your crews, and yes, I’m still looking for feedback. How ‘bout some ideas for different lunches? Hope you have a good summer.

Volunteers sort and pack trail crew nonperishable food at Pat Nagorka’s house
Hope Pass Trail
Damage
by Merle McDonald,
Coordinator, Adopt-A-Trail

After hearing reports of serious erosion on the Hope Pass section of The CT this past summer, I called Craig Nelson, the adopter for that section, to ask the status. He sent me the following letter and some pictures.

"Dear Merle,

On November 16th, I went to the site just east of the old town of Interlocken on The Colorado Trail, where the gully washed out in June. The washout is about 60 feet wide and 15 feet deep, where the trail previously went through (see pictures).

There are currently three bridges that have been installed to circumvent the washout. Pictures of the three bridges are attached. Two of the bridges (the smaller ones) go over little tributaries that will only run during the higher runoff period in the summer. The larger bridge goes over the main creek.

It does not seem feasible to me to span the old trail location with a bridge, when the short bypass will work quite well. The existing bridges could be improved, since this area on the south side of Twin Lakes, going to and from Interlocken, seems to get a lot of traffic.

Please feel free to give me a call, and I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Forest Service in Leadville.

Thank you,

Craig"

Thanks for the report, Craig. Keep up the good work!

The Reroute and Repairs

The spring 1995 damage to The Colorado Trail south of Twin Lakes
Tread Lines Winter 1996
Thank You To These Companies That Very Generously Donated Food for the Colorado Trail Crews

*ALAMO DISTRIBUTORS—RON HAMILTON CHIPS

ARCHWAY COOKIES—DAVID SULKOWSKI COOKIES

BANCKER NICHOLLS—EAST, PET INC.—RICK SPELLMAN SPAGHETTI SAUCE, REFRIED BEANS EVAPORATED MILK, PEELED TOMATOES TACO SEASONING

EARLY BIRD FOODS—MIKE FLINN GRANOLA

*H J HEINZ CO.—GARY ALLISON, MIKE HELEGSON KETCHUP, MUSTARD

KING SOOPERS—DON GALLEGOS GIFT CERTIFICATES

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STOKES/ELLIS FOODS—PAT BAYHOUSE REFRIED BEANS, KIDNEY BEANS CORNED BEEF HASH

The Colorado Trail Foundation, The Food Committee, and, most of all, the Trail Crews appreciate the generous donations from these 10 companies. All of us associated with the trail can show a greater appreciation by buying products from these companies, and I hope you all will do so. My thanks for the help and cooperation I get when I call for the donations.

Food chair, Pat Nagorka

*These companies are new or returning this year.
THE COLORADO TRAIL FOUNDATION
1996
SUMMER VOLUNTEER WORK CREW SCHEDULE

Trail crew dates and work locations for the summer of 1996 are listed below. Each volunteer is responsible for his or her own transportation to the meeting place noted. The meeting time for week-long crews will be early in the afternoon of the first Saturday Weekend crews will meet Friday evening or early Saturday morning. The crews are designated "Drive-in," "Jeep-in," and "Backpack."

The "Drive-in" designation are those crews where a conventional auto can be driven directly to the trail crew camp.

The "Jeep-in" designation means the camp is not normally accessible by conventional vehicles or that muddy roads may preclude taking conventional vehicles to the campsite. You will be provided a place to park, and transportation from that point to camp will be provided by 4-wheel drive vehicles. If too few 4wd vehicles are available, you may be asked to hike into the campsite. In this case, your gear will be transported for you. Of course, if you have a 4wd vehicle, you may drive yourself and others in.

The "Backpack" designation means that your camp has no road access. You will be expected to pack your gear (tent, sleeping bag, etc.) into these camps with your own personal backpack. Pack animals on the "Backpacks" will carry the camp's community food and cooking equipment only. Any additional goodies that you bring along must be carried in by you. Mountain bicyclists are encouraged to participate in backpacking work crews.

When signing up, please indicate your choice of crews by specifying the Crew Number, Date, and Crew Name. You may sign up for as many crews as you wish for the single $35 per person registration fee ($15 for weekend crew). Payment of the registration fee must accompany your registration request. Make your check payable to THE COLORADO TRAIL FOUNDATION, and note in the lower left corner of the check "Registration Fee." We will confirm your reservation by return mail. Crews are filled first come, first served, based on the date the registration fee is received. If you are confirmed for one of your requested crews, the registration fee becomes non-refundable. Jon and Marilyn Greeneisen Ph 303-688-2299 will be our registrars again this year. The Greeneisen will be glad to advise on the registration status of any crew during the registration period. If you wish to be on a crew with specific other volunteers, please so state on your registration form.

Week-Long Crews

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<td>June 22/29</td>
<td>Blue River 1</td>
<td>Dillon RD</td>
<td>Drive-in: Base camp east of highway 9, three miles N of Breckenridge. Will construct trail from the top of the ridge on the E side of the Blue River down to the river via a series of switchbacks. Base camp elevation 9,200 ft. Distance to work site, zero to one mile, with max elevation gain of 800 ft.</td>
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<td>June 22/29</td>
<td>Taylor Bridge</td>
<td>Taylor Creek RD</td>
<td>Drive-in: Gunnison Spur/ Will construct Trail approaches to the new bridge across the Taylor River 1/2 mile south of Dinner Station. Elev. 9,400. A good crew for fishermen</td>
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<td>June 29</td>
<td>Blue River 2</td>
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<td>July 6/13</td>
<td><strong>Razor Ridge 1</strong></td>
<td>Saguache RD, Ldr. Phil Smith, 303-688-9638</td>
<td><em>Jeep-in</em> (possible Drive-in if not too much rain and high clearance vehicle): Camp will be along the CT about 7 miles NE of North Pass (CO Hwy 114, 50 miles SE of Gunnison). Work will be to improve the CT between camp and Lujan Creek. Area is 30 miles NW of Saguache. Elev. 10,700. Possible long walks to work sites but not much change in elevation.</td>
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<td>July 13/20</td>
<td><strong>CTF Educational Facility Maintenance</strong></td>
<td>719-599-4258</td>
<td><em>Drive-in</em>: Preparing the Ed Facility and grounds for summer use. The driveway was roughed out by a bulldozer. It needs considerable hand work to smooth, drain, and revegetate it. Crew members are requested to bring tools such as pick mattox, rakes, hoes, shovels. Cabin will serve as kitchen. Crew will sleep in their personal tents. Located 20 miles SW of Lake City just off the Cinnamon Pass road among three 14ers.</td>
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<td>July 13/20</td>
<td><strong>Guller Creek</strong></td>
<td>Dillon RD, Ldr. Bruce Armstrong, 303-344-9380</td>
<td><em>Backpack</em>: Will park at the west edge of Copper Mt Resort and backpack 1 1/2 miles to the campsite at the junction of Jacque's and Guller Creeks. Will reconstruct several sections between there and Searle Pass.</td>
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<td>July 20/27</td>
<td><strong>Cumberland Basin 1</strong></td>
<td>Columbine RD, Ldr. Joe Slack, 303-443-1762</td>
<td><em>Jeep-in</em>: To the parking area at the head of LaPlata Canyon then hike ¼ mile to the camp site. Will construct new trail from the floor of Cumberland Basin up to Indian Trail Ridge. Campsite elev. 11,400. Work site 11,400 to 12,200.</td>
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<td>July 27</td>
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<td><strong>Powderhorn Wilderness 1</strong></td>
<td>Gunnison BLM, Ldr. Arthur Rankin, 303-393-7554</td>
<td><em>Backpack</em>: Five miles from Powderhorn Lakes trailhead (11,000 ft.) to the campsite at Hidden Lake (11,400 ft.) Will relocate 3 miles of the trouble-plagued Middle Fork Trail from the creek bed onto a bench a couple hundred feet above the creek. This work is partially funded by a donation from a Dallas area Kiwanis Club as a result of long time volunteer Grady Monk's presentation to the Club.</td>
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<td>Aug 3</td>
<td><strong>Ann's Pass</strong></td>
<td>Leadville RD, Ldr. Gene Cash, 402-291-3246</td>
<td><em>Jeep-in/backpack</em>: Jeep-in to ¾ miles SW of Winfield along the South Fork of Clear Creek to the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness boundary. Then will backpack an additional 2 ½ miles to campsite. Will reconstruct a boggy section of trail with turnpike and French drains. In the shadow of Huron Peak (14,003) Camp elev. 11,300.</td>
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<td><strong>Powderhorn Wilderness 2</strong></td>
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<td>Aug 10/17</td>
<td><strong>DC Oakes High School Crew</strong></td>
<td>Saguache RD, Phil Smith, 303-688-9638</td>
<td><em>Drive-in</em>: Crew from DC Oakes High School will reconstruct a section of trail near Lujan Creek that was originally constructed in '89.</td>
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<td>WE-1</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>Clear Creek Bridge</td>
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<td>Drive-in: About 20 miles SW of Leadville. The date is somewhat tentative depending on spring weather. We will be deck the new bridge frame with 3x10x14' timbers.</td>
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<td>Drive-in: Will camp at Buffalo campground and rework the CT to the east of the campground.</td>
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<td>Ldrs. Joe Slack</td>
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1996 Colorado Trail Crew Locations
1996 Colorado Trail Treks

This summer we will be offering a chance to hike the entire Colorado Trail as a part of a supported trek. Trekkers will hike with only a day pack. The support crew will set up and operate the community camp each night and transport your personal gear from campsite to campsite. Please note that the section from San Luis Pass to Molas Pass (Creede to Silverton) is being offered twice to accommodate more hikers. Also we are trying out a new “family week” format to encourage those with youngsters (or nieces & nephews or grandchildren etc.) to join us.

***** Note: Elevation gains are rough estimates which include only the major climbs: some days have as much as 20% more. Hiking The Colorado Trail involves lots of climbing. *****

**WEEK 1 Chatfield Reservoir to Kenosha Pass**
Moderate difficulty/ Limit 15
Leaders: George and Lila Miller, Steve Gladbach

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**WEEK 2 Kenosha Pass to Wurtz Ditch (5 miles west of Tennessee Pass)**
Moderate Difficulty with two advanced days/ Limit 15
Leaders: Nicki Rosa / Steve Gladbach

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**WEEK 3 Lake Fork (Turquoise Lake) to Mt Princeton Hot Springs**
Moderate difficulty / Limit 15
Leaders: Steve Gladbach/ Nicki Rosa/ Lila Miller

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### WEEK 4  Fooses Creek (HWY 50) to Eddiesville Trailhead (In La Garita Mts.)
Moderate difficulty with 1 advanced day / Limit 15
Leaders: Lynn Mattingly / Steve Gladbach

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### WEEK 5  San Luis Pass to Molas Pass
Advanced Difficulty / Limit 10
Leaders: Nicki Rosa / George Miller

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### WEEK 6  Molas Pass to Durango
Moderate Difficulty with one advanced day / Limit 15
Leaders: Nicki Rosa / George Miller

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### WEEK 7: Family Week
Difficulty: Varied / Limit 20
Leaders: Lynn Mattingly / Steve Gladbach
Meet 8/4 at 2:00 pm and disperse 8/9 at 9:00 am

Family week will be held in the meadow near the Colorado Trail Foundation’s newly acquired educational facility just off Cinnamon Pass Road 20 miles southwest of Lake City. It is in a beautiful valley at 11,000 ft of elevation and surrounded by 14ers. The area has been recommended for Wilderness status by the BLM. The families will set up in their own tents around the cabin. The cabin will be reserved for cooking, the crew, and sick children.

Planned activities will include short hikes (fishing or interpretive) each day for children (2 to 6 miles round trip), longer hikes for older children and adults (easy fourteeners and sections of The Colorado Trail). Some evenings will include campfire activities. Every day will include options for families to plan their own activities such as hiking, driving to town (shopping, horseback riding, four wheel drives, etc., at your own expense). Bring your own car and park 250 yards from the cabin. The Cinnamon Pass Road, while narrow and sometimes rough, is suitable for most passenger-type vehicles between the cabin and Lake City. Jeep-type vehicles can travel over Cinnamon Pass to
Silvertown The CTF will provide all food and cooking as well as planned activities and leadership for each activity. Families will be free to plan their own activities on any given day if they so desire.

Many of the details of these planned activities have yet to be worked out. Lynn and Steve have been hoping to facilitate such a trek for several years and are willing to work with you to make the first "Family Week" a success. If you decide to join us for this week, please call and give us input to plan activities appealing to you and your youngsters.

We considered putting age minimums on this trek, however, we decided the families are best suited to this decision. Suggestion: age 7 and above.

WEEK 8  San Luis Pass to Molas Pass
Advanced Difficulty / Limit 10
Leaders: Lynn Mattingly / Steve Gladbach

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1996 REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

By February 25 call or write Steve Gladbach at the address given below and request a registration form. Steve will send you a form by March 1. By March 10 send $100 deposit per person and the registration form to Steve. On March 17 a lottery drawing will be held to fill slots on each trek. Results of the drawing will be mailed to you the following week. Indicating a second or third choice on the registration form will increase your chances of a slot.

Costs:

A $300 for each week + $25 for 1996 Friends of The Colorado Trail donation *
B $1500 for the six hiking weeks (June 22 to August 3) + $25 for Friends of The Colorado Trail donation *
C $25 per week for shuttle to/from your car (Avoid this cost by arranging to be dropped off and picked up instead of parking your car at an unsecured trailhead)
D Family Week 2 people $480/ 3 people $660/ 4 people $800/ Ea additional $200 + a $50 Family Friend of The Colorado Trail donation * No shuttle option, you drive your own car.

*(Editors note: The CTF does not have memberships. It is sustained by the work of volunteers and the donations of Friends and Supporters*)

A $100 registration fee as described above is due at the time of application to reserve a space. The balance of the cost is due by May 1. There is a $75 fee for cancellation, after June 1 the cancellation fee is $125.

Make Checks Payable to The Colorado Trail Foundation

Send all correspondence regarding registration to:

Steve Gladbach, 2226 N. Grand, Pueblo, CO 81003

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COLORADO TRAIL POSTER

Trails Illustrated announces their new Colorado Trail wall poster. This easy-to-read, brightly-colored 17" x 24" poster shows the trail as it traverses the Rocky Mountains and the Continental Divide, clearly depicting the 28 segments as described in the official guide as well as the yet-to-be-completed Gunnison and Mancos spurs. The poster shows the Colorado Trail as it winds and climbs through eight of Colorado’s mountain ranges, offering access to several of Colorado’s fourteeners. In addition, the poster highlights the five major river systems that the trail encounters and the seven National Forests and six Wilderness areas through which the trail passes.

The Colorado Trail poster also features some of Colorado’s other popular recreation areas, such as Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, the Curecanti National Recreation Area, and Rocky Mountain National Park, highlighting surrounding National Forest and Wilderness Areas.

Posters can be purchased from the CT Store for $10.50 postpaid. Naturally, the CTF receives the most income from CT Store purchases. The maps can also be purchased directly from Trails Illustrated and are available from Maps Unlimited at 9th and Broadway in Denver ((303) 623-4299). Proceeds from the sale of each Trails Illustrated poster will benefit The Colorado Trail. The poster retails for $8.99 + tax. To order a poster or map, or for a free catalog, browse Trails Illustrated’s Internet Home Page or contact:

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Editor’s note: If you love maps and the Colorado Trail, you will have to have one of these for the wall in your den or office. It is a great map!

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The CTF issues Certificates of Completion upon request. Send your clearly printed name, address, and phone number along with your date of completion and mode of travel (hike, bike, or horseback) to the CTF address listed on page 2.

Also, the “I Completed The Colorado Trail” patches are now available from the CT Store for $3.60.

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Colorado hikers can take some of the anxiety out of hiking next year by buying a $1 “insurance policy” to protect them against search costs if they become lost.

Colorado Division of Wildlife spokesman Todd Malmsbury said the “hiking certificate” plan is the first of its kind in the United States. The certificates went on sale January 1 at nearly 1,000 state outlets that issue fishing and hunting licenses.

Hikers can purchase single certificates for $1 apiece or a five-year plan for $5. Twenty-five cents out of each dollar will go into a search and rescue fund, Malmsbury said. The money then can be drawn from the fund instead of from the victim or his family.

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The Colorado Trail Store

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